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Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999

Part One (Annex) Outputs deferred, postponed or curtailed in 1996-1997 and their disposition in 1998-1999

1. The General Assembly, in its resolution 51/220 of 18 December 1996 on the proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 1998-1999, requested the Secretary-General, *inter alia*, to provide information on the outputs deferred, postponed or curtailed in 1996-1997 and their disposition in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 (A/52/6). In that connection, reference is made to the report of the Secretary-General on his proposals to achieve the budget reduction of $154 million to the programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 (A/C.5/50/57/Add.1) and to the second report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/51/7/Add.1). In those reports, outputs that were to be cancelled, postponed, delayed or reduced in scope were listed.

2. The activities and outputs that were listed in the above-mentioned reports as cancelled or reduced in scope have not been reproduced in the present annex. Also not reproduced are the outputs that were listed as delayed but which, at the time of preparation of the present document, are expected to be implemented during the current biennium.

3. The table below presents, in the first column, the outputs that were proposed for deferral or postponement, as listed in the above-mentioned reports, and which, at the time of preparation of the present annex, will not be implemented or completed in the current biennium. The second column indicates the disposition of those outputs in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999.

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Outputs deferred, postponed or curtailed in 1996-1997 and their disposition in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999

Outputs deferred, postponed or curtailed in 1996-1997 (A/C.5/50/57/Add.1 and A/51/7/Add.1)	*Disposition in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 (A/52/6)*
Political affairs	**Political affairs**
Disarmament	*Disarmament*
Monitoring, analysis and studies	*Monitoring, analysis and studies*
Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters: reduction from 4 to 2 meetings.	Four meetings of the Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters have been proposed.
Department of Peacekeeping Operations	**Peacekeeping operations and special missions**
No outputs were proposed for deferral or postponement.	
Outer space affairs	**Peaceful uses of outer space**
Postponed: recurrent publications — 2 out of 6 technical and legal studies on new developments in space technology and their economic and social applications.	The two technical and legal studies have been cancelled.
International Court of Justice	**International Court of Justice**
No outputs were proposed for deferral or postponement.	
Legal activities	**Legal affairs**
Progressive harmonization and unification of the law of international trade	*Progressive harmonization and unification of the law of international trade*
Postponed: recurrent publication — *UNCITRAL*, second edition.	Neither publication is being carried over.
Postponed: non-recurrent publication on recommended materials for teaching commercial law.	
Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development	**Policy coordination and sustainable development**
Social development	*Social development*
Postponement of the report to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session on progress achieved and obstacles encountered in the implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons.	Not carried over since the report will be submitted to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session.
Advancement of women	*Advancement of women*
Curtailment of promotional activities on ratification and implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women	Promotional activities will be at the 1996-1997 level.
Curtailment of work on violence against women as an input to the work of the Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women.	Scope of work will be at the 1996-1997 level.
Curtailment of liaison activities with non-governmental organizations, especially at Vienna and Geneva, on implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies.	Scope of work will be at the 1996-1997 level.
Curtailment of contributions on gender aspects of activities of relevant task forces established by the Administrative Committee on Coordination on follow-up to major conferences.	Work reprogrammed pursuant to the establishment of the Inter-Agency Committee on the Advancement of Women and Gender Equality of the Administrative Committee on Coordination.
Africa: critical economic situation, recovery and development	**Africa: New Agenda for Development**
No budget reductions.	

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Department for Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis	**Economic and social information and policy analysis**
Executive direction and management	*Executive direction and management*
Delayed: development of UNESIS.	Development of UNESIS to be continued in 1998-1999.
Global development issues and policies	*Global development issues and policies*
Delayed: non-recurrent publication — *Supplement* to the *1997 Report on the World Social Situation*.	*Supplement* to the *1997 Report on the World Social Situation* to be published in 1998-1999.
Population	*Population*
Delayed: two non-recurrent publications on urban and rural population by sex and age, and development and international migration: facts and theories. Delayed: technical material — database on population, resources, environment and development.	Both non-recurrent publications are cancelled. Technical material — database on population, resources, environment and development to be implemented in 1998-1999.
Department for Development Support and Management Services	**Development support and management services**
Public administration and finance	*Public administration and finance*
Deferred: non-recurrent publication on civil service training and management.	The non-recurrent publication on civil service training and management are included in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999.
United Nations Conference on Trade and Development	**Trade and development**
Following the ninth session of UNCTAD in 1996, the recommendations of which were endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 51/167, the programme was restructured, as reflected in the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001. The question of deferral does not apply.	Programme of work restructured.
International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT	**International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO**
No outputs were deferred or curtailed.	
United Nations Environment Programme	Environment
No outputs were deferred or curtailed.	
United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat)	**Human settlements**
National policies and instruments	*National policies and instruments*
Postponed: non-recurrent publications — policy paper on national policies and instruments, and technical report on the applications of urban indicators in monitoring the implementation of the Global Plan of Action of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II).	The non-recurrent publications have not been carried over — topics merged with publications in new subprogrammes 2 and 4.
Managing human settlement development, including financial and land resources	*Managing human settlement development, including financial and land resources*
Postponed: non-recurrent publications — policy paper on managing sustainable human settlement development, and review of experiences with inter-agency coordination in planning and implementation of sustainable urban development.	The policy paper has not been carried over but the topic is merged with a non-recurrent publication under new subprogramme 2. Another non-recurrent publication is to be subsumed under annual reports on the implementation of the Habitat Agenda.
Improving infrastructure and the living environment	*Improving infrastructure and the living environment*
Postponed: non-recurrent publications — review of experiences in implementing Habitat II national plans of action in rehabilitating municipal infrastructure and services.	Subsumed within reports and publications under new subprogrammes 3 and 4.

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Managing disaster mitigation, reconstruction and development	*Managing disaster mitigation, reconstruction and development*
Postponed: non-recurrent publication — review of government efforts in managing post-disaster situations.	Subsumed within annual reports on the implementation of the Habitat Agenda under new subprogramme 4.
Reducing poverty and promoting equity	*Reducing poverty and promoting equity*
Postponed: non-recurrent publication on reducing poverty and promoting equity.	Subsumed within annual reports on the implementation of the Habitat Agenda under new subprogramme 4.
Crime control	**Crime control**
While some outputs were cancelled, there were no outputs proposed for deferral or postponement.	
International drug control	**International drug control**
Treaty implementation, secretariat and support services	*Treaty implementation, secretariat and support services*
Deferred: expert meeting to advise the International Narcotics Control Board on criteria for implementation of article 12 of the 1988 Convention.	Expert meeting to advise the International Narcotics Control Board on criteria for the implementation of article 12 of the 1988 Convention to be implemented in 1998-1999.
Applied scientific research, demand and supply reduction	*Applied scientific research, demand and supply reduction*
Deferred: development and evaluation of Annual Reports Questionnaires to Governments on demand reduction, including primary prevention, treatment and rehabilitation programmes and strategies relating to the implementation of the Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Outline on future activities in drug control. Deferred: non-recurrent publication — manual on techniques of rapid assessment of the extent of drug abuse problems.	Information will be obtained in 1998-1999 through the Annual Reports Questionnaire.
Economic Commission for Africa	**Economic and social development in Africa**
	The programme of ECA has been reoriented pursuant to Commission resolution 809 (XXX) on new directions for ECA.
Policy-making organs	*Policy-making organs*
Meetings of intergovernmental bodies reduced from 8 to 6 days; meetings of intergovernmental committees reduced from 5 to 4 days.	Pattern of meetings continued in 1998-1999.
Human resources development and social transformation	*Human resources development and social transformation*
Deferred: 4 non-recurrent publications — perspective and new approaches in training of teacher trainers for peace and reconciliation; methods and techniques of non-formal education for fostering peace, national reconciliation and cohesion; youth in national post-conflict reconstruction and rehabilitation: towards a proactive role; and gender gap in health: barriers, benefits and policies in selected African countries.	The 4 non-recurrent publications have been cancelled pursuant to the reorientation of the overall programme of ECA.
Statistical and information systems development	*Statistical and information systems development*
Deferred: non-recurrent publication on national experiences in the formulation of statistical development plans.	The non-recurrent publication has been cancelled pursuant to the reorientation of the overall programme of ECA.
Natural resources and energy development	*Natural resources and energy development*
Deferred: technical material on the first phase of the atlas of natural resources and energy in Africa.	The technical material has been cancelled pursuant to the reorientation of the overall programme of ECA.
Infrastructural and structural transformation	*Infrastructure and structural transformation*
Deferred: ad hoc expert group meeting on measures to enhance entrepreneurial capacity to exploit science and technology.	Ad hoc expert group meeting has been cancelled pursuant to the reorientation of the overall programme of ECA.

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Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific	**Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific**
Poverty alleviation through economic growth and social development	*Poverty alleviation through economic growth and social development*
Delayed: regional database on women in development.	Database not carried over.
Statistics	*Statistics*
Delayed: development and maintenance of ESCAP statistical information system; ad hoc statistical information services through conventional means and on-line access; and distribution of data on diskettes and/or CD-ROM.	Carried over to 1998-1999.
Economic Commission for Europe	**Economic development in Europe**
Transport	*Transport*
Postponed: contribution to the elaboration of 4 new legal instruments and revision of existing legal instruments; 18 out of 139 parliamentary reports and other documentation to the Inland Transport Committee. Postponed: 2 recurrent publications — transport information; E-Road census; and 1 out of 83 issuances of technical material. Postponed: 8 non-recurrent publications. Postponed: technical material — technical regulations for road vehicles and their amendments, and computerization of technical regulations.	Outputs not implemented by the end of 1997 will be carried over to 1998-1999 and submitted to the Transport Committee for its decision on their disposition.
Trade facilitation	*Trade facilitation*
Delayed: database in support of EDIFACT.	Carried over to 1998-1999.
Energy	*Energy*
Postponed: non-recurrent publication — proceedings of the Seminar on Coal Power Generation, the Environment and Public Acceptance.	Not carried over to 1998-1999.
Development of international trade	*Development of international trade*
Delayed: non-recurrent publication — guide for foreign investors on property laws in countries with economies in transition.	Not carried over to 1998-1999.
Delayed: Seminar on the promotion of foreign direct investment in countries with economies in transition, and seminar on financing of foreign trade.	Not carried over to 1998-1999.
Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean	**Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean**
While some outputs were cancelled, there were no outputs proposed for deferral or postponement.	
Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia	**Economic and social development in Western Asia**
While some outputs were cancelled, there were no outputs proposed for deferral or postponement.	
Regular programme of technical cooperation	**Regular programme of technical cooperation**
Activities reduced in scope, but no outputs were deferred or postponed.	
Human rights	**Human rights**
While outputs were reduced in scope or delayed, there were no outputs proposed for deferral or postponement.	

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Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees No outputs were deferred or postponed.	**Protection of and assistance to refugees**
United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East No outputs were deferred or postponed.	**Palestine refugees**
Department of Humanitarian Affairs *Policy planning and development* Deferred: evaluation studies of emergency operations. *Disaster prevention and preparedness* Postponed: workshop on disaster mitigation and insurance and on seismic safety in urban areas.	**Humanitarian assistance** *Policy and analysis* Included in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999. *Natural disaster reduction* Workshops, if not implemented, will be carried over to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999.
Public information *Promotional services* Postponed: updating exhibits and visual materials on the guided tour routes	**Public information** *Promotional services* Carried over to 1998-1999.
Administration and management In general, there were delays in the provision of services. In a few instances, outputs were proposed for postponement as follows: *Commercial, procurement and transportation services* Postponed: vehicle replacement programme. *Facilities management, maintenance and construction* Postponed: furniture and equipment replacement programme. *Archives and records management* Postponed: study on arrangement and description of archival records to international descriptive standards, and preservation of records in microfilm. *Library information services in Geneva and Vienna* Curtailed: selection, acquisition and maintenance of collection, cataloguing, indexing and processing of information.	**Administrative services** *Commercial, procurement and transportation services* Vehicle replacement programme included in 1998-1999. *Facilities management, maintenance and construction* Furniture and equipment replacement programme included in 1998-1999. *Archives and records management* Study included in 1998-1999.
Jointly financed administrative activities No outputs were deferred or postponed.	**Jointly financed administrative activities**
Special expenses No outputs were deferred or postponed.	**Special expenses**
Office of Internal Oversight Services *Monitoring and inspection* Delayed: monitoring exercises. *Investigations* Delayed: investigations.	**Internal oversight** *Monitoring and inspection* Exercises not completed by the end of 1997 will be carried over to 1998-1999. *Investigations* Investigations not completed by the end of 1997 will be carried over to 1998-1999.

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Technological innovations No outputs were deferred or postponed.	**Administrative services** Activities incorporated under section 27.
Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance See annex I of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/51/7/Add.1).	**Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance** *Alterations and improvements* Some of the alterations and improvements will have been completed in part by the end of 1997 and will continue into 1998-1999, given the fact that most are multi-year projects. *Major maintenance* Most of the major maintenance projects, if not completed by the end of 1997, will be carried over to 1998-1999 since they are part of the regular maintenance programme.